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ANCHORAGE MAN SENTENCED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced today, August 29, 2007, that William Carroll, a resident of Anchorage, was sentenced in federal court in Anchorage to 18 months in prison with 9 months to be served in half way house for his conviction theft and embezzlement of government funds.

Chief United States District Court Judge John W. Sedwick imposed the sentence on Carroll, age 47, of 3921 Alitak Bay Circle, of one count of theft of government money.

According to information presented to the court by Assistant United States Attorney Karen Loeffler, Carroll was the primary agent cashier at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Anchorage. During the years from 2001 through 2005, Carroll diverted cash from the cash drawer at the medical center in the total amount of over \$163,899 and covered up his activities by replacing the funds with reimbursement checks received from insurance claims. Upon discovery Carroll admitted his actions and agreed to cooperate with investigators to determine the government's losses.

Prior to imposing sentence, Judge Sedwick stated that defendant's actions in diverting such a large amount of monies from his employer justified a lengthy sentence. Judge Sedwick also took into account Carrolls' his genuine remorse and cooperation in fashioning the sentence.

Mr. Cohen commended the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Inspector General for the investigation leading to the successful prosecution of Carroll.

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